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## Washington Report

# Cuban Buildup Bigger Than Stated, Says Dodd

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WASHINGTON—Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, D-Conn., said Thursday he has received information that the Russian military buildup in Cuba is greater than has been revealed to the people of the United States. Dodd made the statement in a televised interview. He declined to name his sources but indicated the information came from Cubans. He said he had sent the information at once to President Kennedy, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Defense Department. Dodd said he had not received evaluations of the reports from these agencies but they had indicated to him the reports were not taken lightly.

In an earlier radio network recording Thursday, Dodd, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he believes the United States ought to impose a more severe quarantine on Cuba and prevent the landing of Russian military personnel and equipment there, even at the risk of a new confrontation with Khrushchev. Whatever the present Russian military strength in Cuba is, Dodd said, it is too great. He said the distinction made by some between defense and offensive weapons doesn't make sense to him as a rifle, for example, is offensive or defensive, depending on the action of the user. Dodd said he doesn't believe the build-up in Cuba is for an attack on the United States. The purpose of it, he said, are to secure the Castro regime from both internal and external attack and to make Cuba a base for starting trouble in other countries.

## Ribicoff Named to Finance

Sen. Abraham Ribicoff, D-Conn., was named Thursday by the Democratic steering committee to the Finance Committee. This was Ribicoff's first choice for committee assignment and he won it over the claims of some senators senior to him by a decisive but not unanimous vote in the Steering Committee. Ribicoff also was assigned to the Government Operations Committee, his third choice, but did not make public works which was his second choice.

Ribicoff's assignment to the Finance Committee gave him one of the prize committee spots in the group which has jurisdiction over tax law changes, tariff bills and social security law amendments.

## Windsor Locks Federal Building

The Office of Rep. Emilio Q. Daddario was notified Thursday by the General Services Administration that the agency has submitted to the public works committees of Congress a proposal for a \$345,000 new Post Office and Federal Building at Windsor Locks. The site has not yet been selected. The Windsor Locks Post Office now rents its quarters and would get all except 650 square feet of the new building. This space would be for visiting federal agencies but would not be permanently assigned. The prospectus calls for a site of 12,800 square feet and the estimated cost of the site and design is \$77,600 with the remainder of the \$345,000 to go for construction.

## Monagan Protests Cuba Aid by U.N.

Rep. John S. Monagan, D-Fifth District, told the House Thursday the decision of the United Nations to give financial support to an agricultural project in Cuba is unfortunate. Monagan recalled the several protests he had made against the proposal when he pointed out that the United States, as a major financial supporter of the U.N., was contributing a portion of the money for the Cuban project. Monagan told the House the statement of Paul G. Hoffman, United States managing direc-

tor of the U.N. Special Fund, that no American dollar would be used in the project "is not wholly candid".

## West Haven Project Aided

The Community Facilities Administration announced Thursday it has approved an interest-free planning advance to West Haven for municipal recreational facilities. The project, identified by the office of Rep. Robert N. Giaimo as the Sandy Point Beach Development, is estimated to have a total cost of \$6,444,000. Work is due to start next January. The plans call for a municipal beach, a controlled level swimming area, a pool, bathhouse, 18-hole golf course, tennis courts, parking space for 4,000 acres, and an 800-boat marina.

## Taft Backs Dodd—Cooper Bill

Rep. Robert A. Taft, R-Ohio, announced Thursday he has introduced in the House a duplicate of the voting qualifications bill introduced in the Senate by Sen. Dodd and John Sherman Cooper, R-Ken. The bill would require states to impose tests to determine qualifications of voters uniformly for all applicants. Taft said he believes the bill will provide a workable means for assuring the right of franchise for all United States citizens.

The Dodd-Cooper bill now has about 20 co-sponsors in the Senate, according to Dodd. He secured permission in the Senate Thursday to have the bill remain at the desk there for an additional time to permit other senators to become co-sponsors.

## Lithuanian Independence Noted

Sen. Dodd, in a statement to the Senate Thursday, called attention to Saturday as the 45th anniversary of Lithuanian independence and urged continued efforts for the liberation of Lithuania and other Soviet satellites. Dodd warned that such a liberation move must be more than a political campaign slogan and proposed that steady pressure be put on Russia to grant freedom to the people in the satellites.

In the House Thursday Rep. William L. St. Onge, D-Second District, also called attention to the Lithuania anniversary and introduced a resolution to have the United States mission to the United Nations endeavor there to obtain the liberation of the Baltic states from Communist control.